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State Housing Department Awards \$2,443,143 to 71 Local CDBG Programs

SACRAMENTO— Business, Transportation and Housing Agency Secretary, Maria Contreras-Sweet, today announced that the Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) will award \$2,443,143 in Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG) funds for 71 planning and technical assistance projects.

Every year the State of California sets aside ten percent of its federally funded CDBG allocation for the Planning and Technical Assistance (P/TA) portion of the program. A total of approximately \$4 million is available for planning activities for the current program year. The Community Development Block Grant Program receives applications semiannually, June 30th and October 31st. Awards are made until all available funds are fully committed.

Planning and Technical Assistance grants are available to provide funding in the form of grants to small cities and rural counties for planning and feasibility studies related to CDBG eligible activities including: housing, public works, community facilities and economic development. The ultimate beneficiaries are low-income households within the funded communities. The P/TA component has been part of CDBG since 1989. Since that time, the CDBG has awarded grants totaling over \$29 million.

A complete list of recipients and award amounts is attached.

Governor Davis and Secretary Contreras-Sweet are committed to developing viable communities and expanding economic opportunities for Californians residing in the small cities and rural counties of our State. The CDBG grants comprise an important element in California's campaign to develop the economic health and well being of its communities.